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## *Corrections News*

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### **Priscilla Kincaid Receives May State Employee of the Month Honors**

On Wednesday, July 9, 2008, Gov. Matt Blunt presented Missouri Department of Corrections' Probation and Parole Officer II Priscilla Kincaid with the State Employee of the Month award for May 2008. Kincaid is employed at the District 22 Probation and Parole Office in Cape Girardeau, Mo. The ceremony took place at the Missouri State Capitol in the Office of the Governor where Kincaid was presented with a plaque for her outstanding service.

Kincaid has been employed with the Department for more than 16 years and was named the State Employee of the Month for actions going above and beyond the call of duty.

On Dec. 3, 2007, Kincaid was ending her work day at a local law enforcement facility when a woman ran into the building seeking immediate help. The woman had been the victim of a serious domestic violence situation, sustaining several gunshot wounds, and needed emergency medical and law enforcement assistance. Kincaid stayed with the victim, trying to keep her calm and encouraged her to continue talking until she received emergency medical treatment.

Kincaid was recognized as the Department of Corrections' Employee of the Month for April 2008 for her actions in this critical incident.

In a letter to Kincaid, Missouri Department of Corrections Director Larry Crawford wrote, "You were the first person the woman found to assist her and you responded with calmness and composure. Because of your extensive training and compassion, you knew what type of questions to ask the victim and were able to get appropriate assistance quickly. You took control of the situation, locating a Missouri State Trooper in the building and verifying the identity of anyone else entering the building in order to secure the scene. You continued to calm, comfort and reassure the victim, all the while maintaining security in the immediate area."

Kincaid has attended extensive training in the area of Domestic Violence. She is the liaison with the local Domestic Violence Community Response Task Force, teaches the District's Alternative to Violence Program and coordinates a Domestic Violence Educational Program for women.

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When selected as a Department Employee of the Month, the employee's name is automatically submitted to the State Employee of the Month committee for consideration. The committee then selects an employee from amongst the nominees to receive the state award.

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